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Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of a Japanese Office Action dated February 9, 2010 (and English translation thereof) issued in a counterpart Japanese application;
- (2) Copies of cited foreign documents; and
- (3) IDS Form.

An English translation of said Japanese Office Action is provided, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for any non-English language documents cited therein (MPEP 609.04 (a) III).

JP 2003-506150 and JP 2002-119536 cited in the attached Japanese Office Action were previously cited by applicants and therefore it is not being cited again in the present Information Disclosure Statement.

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)**

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from foreign patent offices in counterpart foreign applications not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Said Communication bears a mailing date of February 9, 2010. Therefore, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(c).

It is requested that an initialed copy of the IDS Form be returned to indicate that the documents listed therein have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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